

MIGHTY LONG AGO

In Wichita With John J. Ingalls at a Hotel.

AND WHAT HE SAID

"Take Thy Beak From Out My Heart."

David Leahy, of the Eagle, is in receipt of a letter from Mrs. John J. Ingalls thanking Mr. Leahy for the tribute to Ingalls he wrote which is being printed in Kansas papers. The tribute follows:

"I first saw Ingalls twenty-three years ago. It was the night that Donnie Kearney spoke from the balcony of the capitol at Washington. He was in the corridor of the National hotel dining room and I was sitting at a table with General Benjamin F. Butler. I was crowded out of my seat and with much wide open haughty public places to see great men, merely for the purpose of seeing them. I looked at Ingalls more than I did at Ingalls, for at that time the greatest prodigy of Kansas politics had no fame, so far as I had heard, except that he was known as a strong advocate of a movement to beautify Washington. A few weeks later I was in a delegation that attended a reception given to Thomas O'Connor, an Irish patriot recently released from prison on condition that he would leave the British empire. Ingalls was there, having had some fame in Irish circles as a twister of the British lion's ear. I was introduced to him by no less a person than the late General James Shields, who was then, if I remember right, in congress. On this occasion Ingalls impressed me by the grace of his movements. I did not dream that I would ever again speak to him. The next year I came to Kansas and began hearing about Ingalls. Ten years later I was in Washington again. Joseph Chamberlain, the present colonial secretary of England, was in this country making speeches of an anti-Irish nature. Parnell deemed it wise to send Thomas Donnelly, a grand old Irishman of Henry Grattan, and one of the O'Connors, both members of parliament to this country to follow Chamberlain and destroy any anti-Irish prejudice he might create. A monster meeting was held at Washington and, of course, I attended it. Ingalls had been selected for president of the meeting, but at the stated hour he was not present and the late ex-Senator John Sherman took his place. On the stage were the venerable Fred Douglass, who was the friend of Donnell O'Connell, the Irish republican, Senator Herbert, who was afterwards secretary of the navy; Senator Joseph Hawley, and several other distinguished Americans. John Sherman was making one of those big statistical speeches for which he was noted, when somebody in the rear of the hall raised the air with a yell that I shall never forget. Then it seemed as if a cyclone had struck the Masonic temple. The audience was going wild beyond description. Ingalls walked up the aisle, slow, majestic and will, grand. When he reached the front, Sherman took his seat. Ingalls looked over the audience for a minute, as pale and apparently as an ivory statue, a marble statue. I do not know what his first utterance was, for those Irishmen were standing on their seats, shouting their heads in the ceiling, and the first time in my life, I was more proud of being a Kansas than an Irishman.

SPLENDID SECOND RECITAL

Junior Class Recital "David Copperfield" Held by Request.

Friday evening at the Crawford opera house, the recital of selected scenes from "David Copperfield" was repeated by request and given by the Junior class of the High school, under the management of Messrs. Edgar Hess and Harvey Schollenberger, and under the immediate direction of Miss Madeline O. Hamilton.

One week ago this same splendid drama was given to a packed house and so great was the appreciation of the general public and the friends of the school and the class, that there was a strong and urgent request that it be repeated. Last night the Crawford was crowded from the top gallery down to the utmost seating capacity on the floor. Throughout the entire program of eleven scenes and four tableaux there was the closest attention given, and the appreciation of the audience was manifested by frequent and sincere applause. The lighting effects in the several tableaux were much improved upon and these were a very interesting feature of the program. The recital was commenced promptly at the hour announced and the first effort was the conclusion of all the characters who directly took leading parts. This was a spectacular introduction before the curtain in which all the special artists trooped by and in passing gave forth some characteristic remarks, peculiar to their special act. Then followed the grand tableaux, wherein appeared in fanciful grouping the entire cast, shown with brilliant lighting effects. The several scenes have been described in full in these columns and it is only left to be said that the whole play was greatly improved upon in many ways. There were two new scenes added, the fourth, "David's Last Evening at Micawber's" and the seventh, "Miss Mowcher Waits Upon Steerforth." There was an absence of all confusion and drag; while there was a noted self-possession, studied care as to details of the plot; and more self-reliance on the part of all. There was no hesitancy, no halting for lines, and a marked sincerity and realizing sense of the unities of the several parts. It was a well-learned and well-rehearsed production, and the natural grace of the performers. Miss Nina Wrightman in "Little Emily" again acquitted herself with superb gracefulness and rare tact. Miss Bertha Kirkwood as "Miss Dartle," Miss Nellie Lechardt as "The Old Soldier," Miss Maudie as "Mrs. Strong," Miss Helen as "Dr. Strong," Miss Nella Hall as "Mrs. Heep," Clarence Powell as "Dr. Heep," Lucius Adams as the half wit "Mr. Dick," Miss Mabel Mossman as "Miss Micawber," Harold Sternberg as "Micawber," Harry Schollenberger as "Mr. Pecksniff," Mr. Marc Clapp as "Mr. Murdstone," Harriet Stanley as "Aunt Betsey," Miss Fern Dorsey as "Dora," Miss May Stidmore as "Miss Mowcher," Miss Bertha as "Peggotty," Miss Mary Findley as "Agnes," Mr. Herbert Johnson as "Mr. Westwood," Miss Louise as "Barkis," Fred Nevin as "Ham," Miss Lulu Richmond as "Julia," Miss Lulu as "Miss Lavinia," Miss Maryne Chandler as "Miss Charissa," and last but not least, Mr. Dean Mink as "David," all did their respective parts in a most effective manner.

"I was after that that I became intimately acquainted with Ingalls. It was after he had been in Europe. He dropped into Wichita one Sunday—a gloomy, misty Sunday that I shall never forget—and took a room at the Carey hotel. I knocked at his door and the responsive 'Come in' came like a voice from a spirit.

"Senator," I said, "I do not desire to disturb you, but I couldn't help calling to pay you my respects for a minute or two."

"You must stay all day with me," he said. "The time when my room would be packed with callers, but I am not what I once was; let me thank you for calling to me now." For ten hours I remained in his room. We were alone all the time. I do not believe that Ingalls ever told a man more about himself than he told me that day. His confidence in me is irrevocable to this moment.

"He knew I was a Democrat and yet he told me party secrets and state secrets. He, of course, told all the talking, and it was remarkable that the range of topics he brought up. Poor Riddleberger, he once said; and then he told me all about his difficulty with the Virginia senator while he was presiding officer of the upper house of congress. He fully expected Riddleberger would kill him the day he had him ejected from the senate. Poor Riddleberger, poor Riddleberger," he often repeated with tenderness that was marvelous to me.

"What sensations did you experience when you first stood upon the battlefield at Waterloo?" I asked.

"Ingalls was pacing the floor. He stopped. 'What sensations do you suppose an American would experience on seeing a mound sixty feet high with a bronze lion on top of it?' That's all he said, and I knew what he meant."

"Late in the fall of 1891, Ingalls was again in Wichita. I was reporting for the Eagle and he sent for me. It was midnight when I called at his room and as the door was open I walked in. He was lying on his bed like a dead black knife (partly) on his back.

"Good evening, senator," I said.

"He must have been half asleep, for he rose on his elbow with a start, saying: 'The valor of that David the form that of the devil.' Then reaching after his glasses, he adjusted them to his eyes and looking at me for half a minute he said in a low dramatic voice:

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LITTLE CHILD'S VIEW

Of Mrs. Carrie Nation Before Medicine Lodge School.

ENTIRELY NEW VIEW

Of the Smasher and Her History.

The Medicine Lodge Crescent says:

Once a month in the public schools of this city two pupils are selected to write a sketch or essay on some subject assigned them by their teacher. On last Friday Rachel Nixon was chosen, and "Mrs. Nation" was the subject assigned her. This is the way she handled it:

"I think that Mrs. Nation was born in Kentucky at some remote period before the remembrance of man. She says she was very gay and giddy, as a girl, wearing the most stylish and fashionable clothes. She went to parties, danced and wasn't very fond of going to church. She kept this up for a good many years. In fact, until she got so old nobody cared to dance with her. It was then she concluded to reform. And she made such a shining success reforming herself that she decided to reform the whole world. So she began on her first husband, who was a moderate drinker when she married him, and so vigorously did she conduct her reformation that he became so hard a drinker that he sunk into a drunkard's grave, which, instead of securing her out of business, strange to say, caused her to redouble her energy. After securing her first husband comfortably buried she looked about for other worlds to conquer. But being without money, good looks or engaging manners, she decided to obtain money by marrying Mr. Nation. She turned her ugly looks to account by dressing with severe plainness and abstinence all attempts of beautifying her clothing and at this time cultivated the perpetual smile that the newspapers have spoken about so much this winter."

"Armed with these weapons she came to Kansas to assist in enforcing a prohibitory amendment which was already working to good effect in nearly all of the smaller towns and many of the larger ones throughout the state. In the year 1890 she came to Medicine Lodge with Mr. Nation as pastor of the Christian church where she tried to be the preacher, superintendent and the whole Sunday school and even to rule the private lives of the members. Of course, the people wouldn't stand that and the result was a general fuss in the church in which she was vanquished and then she played into the other denominations. She stirred up the Methodists and Baptists and even went so far as to say that the Lord told her to go to the Episcopal church, and all the time keeping up a vigorous war with the mayor and council on the liquor question, although there was never an open stand in Medicine Lodge since long before she came here, and the sentiment of the town has always been in favor of temperance. She made many enemies for that cause by her extreme measures, but she once headed a company of women who raided a drug store here where they destroyed all the liquor but did not demolish any of the drugs or fixtures. Then she tried her hand at street meetings where she soundly berated the citizens who did not come up to her standard and her language being such as any boy would be punished for saying. We had always treated her politely and kindly, but when she made her raids on other towns they even went so far as to call her "Crazy Carrie," and made ugly pictures of her. Even the good temperance people quarreled with her and refused to follow her, and all the mean things she ever did and lots she never did were put into the newspapers."

"If she could get up an extra good lecture and go around and deliver it, she has been so well advertised that she could do lots of good. But can she?"

CHAUTAUQUA CIRCLES.

The following program will be rendered at the meeting of the Chautauqua Chautauqua circle at the Epworth church, 123 North Main street, Monday, May 10, at 8:30 p. m.

Roll call—Quotations from Greek Anthology.

Grecian History, chapter 14—Dr. Noble.

Study of Dumas' "Three Musketeers"—Mrs. Horton.

Music—Prof. Marshall.

Homer to Theocritus, chapter 14—Miss Bowman.

Character study, Epaminondas—Miss Moore.

Human Nature club, chapter 11 and 12—Mr. Gibson.

Reading—Miss Woody.

Piano solo—Miss Deuster.

Leader—M. Belle Stever.

The Sundowner Chautauqua. Circle will meet next Monday at 8:30 p. m., with Mrs. Sowle, 411 St. Francis avenue. Program:

Current Events—From Highways and Byways.

Discussion by class: Alexander Dumas and the Three Musketeers.

Review of chapter 15, Grecian History, by leader.

Reading, Crete and the Cretan question—Mrs. Sowle.

The Human Nature Club, chapters 11 and 12—Mrs. Ross.

Homer to Theocritus, chapter 14—Miss Ladd.

Roll call: Notes on flowers and their culture.

Mrs. Wright, leader.

Next Tuesday evening, May 12th, the Alma Chautauqua circle meets at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Conklin, No. 62 St. Francis avenue, Mrs. E. A. Crozier, leader.

Critical studies in French literature, Mrs. J. G. Dorsey.

Homer to Theocritus, chapter 14, Mrs. E. B. Deam.

Human Nature club, chapters 11 and 12—L. A. Bond.

Inner Life of Aschylus, Mrs. L. J. Gove.

Grecian history, chapter 15, O. G. Ekstein.

Readers will please notice in the Greek literature, read chapter 14 as chapter 15 will be studied later.

Following is the program of St. Paul's Chautauqua circle. Meeting to be held at the home of Mr. Papes, 1114 and Park Place, May 7, at 8 p. m.:

Reading: Selection from "Crete and the Cretan Question," Miss Addie Thomas.

Review of chapter 15, Grecian history, Mr. Cochran.

Reading: Selection from "Alexander Dumas and the Three Musketeers," Miss Maud Mosher.

Reading and discussion of chapters 11 and 12 in "Human Nature Club," by the circle.

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EVERYBODY FEELS IT.

Cornice Workers Are Doing an Important Business.

The cornice and railing men in Wichita have a big business. One of them told an Eagle reporter yesterday that he has already done more business this year than has been done by him any full year for more than a decade. This gentleman pointed out three instances that caused him to get more than an average year's work in one month. "I am not the only public," he said, "others are doing their share." The plumbers tell about the same story, and this, by the way, is not the natural plumber's season, either. Everybody in Wichita is doing a big business. Prosperity is so general that there's not a man in town who is not making money.

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City Regulator

Some Further Suggestions are Made.

To the Editor of the Eagle:

The health policeman is respectfully requested to take a drive in the quiet hour of this morning and look along the ditches in front of the business houses and make a note, take an inventory of their contents.

If I was riding a wheel and met a team that was on the wrong side of the street, I would dismount, pick up the wheel in front of me and stand my ground, and I would certainly report the disposal of glass I found in front of business places. Cyclists have rights. They ought to learn what they are and untidily maintain them.

And now the annual dog catcher trouble has to be gone through with. I would levy a tax of twenty-five dollars on every dog owner in the city, and in addition to that would require every dog to be muzzled. They are an abdominal upon the earth when allowed to run at will about the streets.

The trolley ride business has again been inaugurated, viz: Load a car with kids and tell them to scream like Comanche Indians. Why not have them sing patriotic songs if the want to attract attention.

Golf players can play golf at night if they will see Charlie Ferguson and get his door plate illuminator and soak their balls.

Of course we can't hope to prevent all the boys in town from trying to kill birds in the city and parks especially those whose fathers go to the country gunning and come home with their game bags full of turtle doves and meadow larks. It's a shame.

For Sale—Twenty-seven miles of split fence; iron, wood and wire, no gates. Inquire along the street wherever you see one.

I would stop the slop wagon trade during the day time.

Telephone is needed at the Country club house.

The street car ran over a large black cat at Topeka and the falling great larger and louder each day. The motor instead of saying, hold fast, would sing out, hold your nose. The health officer was notified several times about it by telephone to have it removed. Failing in that the neighborhood turned out late one night and buried it in the ditch. Reques—Cat in paws.

I would certainly stop livery stables from filling up the streets with vehicles. This thing of renting an old shack that has to be propped up by keeping in said that few horses are kept, a regular fire trap, and make a busy shed out of the street is not good form for a city.

One hundred times a day horses are tied to fire hydrants of the city, the act is flammable ten dollars.

Throwing rubbish into the streets or alleys of any kind is flammable ten dollars.

Hang up a sign on your fence reading This fence given away to the first party that will haul it away and do a clean job.

There are a half dozen dairies in town. You can find them by the odors rising from them.

I smile to hear the fellows on the golf links enthralled over the beautiful, delightful, beautiful thing the game is, and around they go, knocking the chunks out of their balls, chasing them over the bluffs, but the next day they look like thirty cents and are as cross as a bear with a sore head.

Why don't the commercial club keep the grounds of the club house in better condition. They are raising enough dandelions to seed the country.

We are reminded almost every day by hoards of women screaming or weeping, that when women cannot drive down in the busy streets during the busy hours of the day with safety unless she has a lot of nerve and brings it with her.

Just sign of the board of health which reads "Stay out," would be more sensible if it read, "Stay in," and then see that they did it.

I am glad that I have lived to see the day when some of the school boards on the east have started the examination that rattles, wroches and wrecks minds of children until they forget what they did learn. Out of a school of thirty or forty, now or six will pass without a tremor, while the balance of the school must be put upon the rack and screw.

If I was mayor, I would appoint a commissioner of birds and animals, would make it an office of honor and decoration, giving him the same powers as a policeman. A man with a big round symbol on his chest that would love birds and animals that would use some of his spare time in studying up the best methods for their protection and that could create an enthusiastic support throughout the city; that could go to the schools and talk birds and animals, and rally the children to his support. If the birds and animals that would use some of his spare time in studying up the best methods for their protection and that could create an enthusiastic support throughout the city; that could go to the schools and talk birds and animals, and rally the children to his support.

The Eagle is boasting of sixty or eighty thousand inhabitants in six or eight years. There will have to be a radical change in the present condition of affairs where the building occupying the principal and probably, at the present time, the most valuable corner in the city is occupied with peanut stands and barber shops, and has not had a coat of paint for twenty-two years. That building will come down or Main street will come down on East Douglas avenue.

Now that the summer cars are on again set down on the first west and plant your feet on the seat opposite you, and smile yourself watching the women and children dodging around, trying to get on. You can get people to take notice of you in this way if you can't any other way.

If I had large cottonwood trees in front of my premises, I would plant trailing vines around them. It will relieve the barren look about them very much.

A week has gone by since the health officer went by and tackled the sign on the horns, and the only change is that the manure piles have grown larger.

They say that it is impossible to stop old swabs from drinking, save through treatment. Why don't they let J. T. U. establish an infirmary, and save a lot of fellows who cannot be saved any other way. Everybody, even the peasants, will contribute to relieve them.

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